

**MPO RESOLUTION # 25-06****RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) DISTRICT 6 IN COORDINATION WITH THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INITIATE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL (PD&E) STUDIES TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON THE PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY IN THE SEGMENTS ENCOMPASSING INTERCHANGES AND FRONTAGE ROADS BETWEEN INTERSTATE-75 AND THE GOLDEN GLADES INTERCHANGE**

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement creating and establishing the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Miami Urbanized Area requires that the MPO provide a structure to evaluate the adequacy of the transportation planning and programming process; and

WHEREAS, vehicular traffic in Miami-Dade County has registered unprecedented growth during recent decades and projections indicate that an additional increase of 40 percent in the average number of daily vehicular trips will occur by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Palmetto Expressway was constructed in the late 1950's as a four-lane divided expressway and expanded to six lanes in mid 1970s to address the increase in population, and

WHEREAS, despite completed improvements, traffic projections for the year 2010 indicate that the existing expressway will operate at a Level of Service 'F'; and

WHEREAS corresponding increases in the number of households, jobs and the number of vehicles during the same period will further aggravate the highly congested condition of current traffic patterns in the county; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that public safety, emergency services and overall traffic operations would be significantly impacted if additional roadway improvements are not undertaken by FDOT in this vital section of the Florida Interstate Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT has implemented the Palmetto Expressway Improvement Program (PEIP) which has consisted of improvements to the existing corridor that extends from its intersection in southern Dade County with U. S. 1 to just north of NW 154<sup>th</sup> street in northern Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Board wishes to request FDOT to study additional solutions to alleviate traffic congestion in the Palmetto segments encompassing interchanges and frontage roads between the Interstate-75 and the Golden Glades Interchange,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA:

SECTION 1. That the MPO Governing Board requests that the Florida Department of Transportation in coordination with the Miami-Dade Public Works Department initiate Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) studies to improve the flow of traffic on the Palmetto Expressway in the segments incorporating interchanges and frontage roads between Interstate-75 and the Golden Glades Interchange.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Sally Heyman who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Board Member Javier D. Souto, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**Chairman** Joe A. Martinez-Absent  
**Vice Chairman** Dennis C. Moss-Aye

Board Member Ruben D. Almaguer	-Absent	Board Member William H. Kerdyk	-Absent
Board Member Bruno A. Barreiro	-Absent	Board Member Julio Robaina	-Aye
Board Member Kevin A. Burns	-Absent	Board Member Dorrin D. Rolle	-Absent
Board Member Jose "Pepe" Diaz	-Absent	Board Member Natacha Seijas	-Absent
Board Member Audrey M. Edmonson	-Aye	Board Member Darryl K. Sharpton	-Aye
Board Member Shirley M. Gibson	-Aye	Board Member Katy Sorenson	-Aye
Board Member Carlos A. Gimenez	-Aye	Board Member Rebeca Sosa	-Absent
Board Member Perla T. Hantman	-Aye	Board Member Javier D. Souto	-Aye
Board Member Sally A. Heyman	-Aye	Board Member Richard L. Steinberg	-Aye
Board Member Barbara J. Jordan	-Aye	Board Member Johnny L. Winton	-Absent

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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By

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MPO Secretariat

